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COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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October 22, 2003

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST-CLASS MAIL

The Honorable Hector V. Barreto, Jr.
Administrator
Small Business Administration
409 Third Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Re: The Small Business Administration Microloan Program

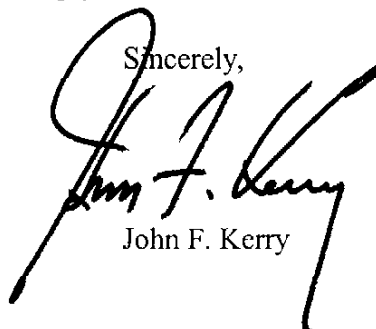
Dear Administrator Barreto:

It is my understanding that the Small Business Administration has completed the distribution process for the both the loan and technical assistance parts of the Microloan program for FY 2003. I am writing for more information on both aspects of the program and the process through which they were distributed.

Please provide me with a list of all entities that received the Microloan Technical Assistance awards in FY 2003, the amount each received, the date each applied, the date each award was mailed, and the total number of the awards and the total dollar amount of these awards. If the award was not mailed, then identify the mode of communication and the date of that communication, as well. Additionally, please provide me with a list of all the entities that received microloans, the amount each received, the date each applied, the date each was disbursed, the total number of loans, and the total dollars loaned. If a micro-intermediary received more than one loan, please break that out by loan.

Please respond in writing by Wednesday, November 5th. If you have any questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Kevin Wheeler (202) 224-8496 of my Committee staff.

Thank you for your prompt attention and reply.

Sincerely,

John F. Kerry